

## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule



The residential and recycling pickup schedule for May 31, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

### Holiday gate hours

There will be reduced gate operations at Aberdeen Proving Ground in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

The Route 22 Harford Gate will close at 10 p.m., and the Route 755 Wise Road Gate will close at 8 p.m., Friday, May 26. Both gates will re-open for normal traffic 4 a.m., May 30.

The Maryland (Aberdeen Area) and Route 24 (Edgewood Area) gates will remain open.

### Vet clinic closing dates

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will close Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day holiday and Wednesday, May 31 for the clinic's annual inventory. For more information, call the VTF during business hours, 410-278-3911.

### DTC hosts Asian Pacific event today

The U.S. Army Developmental Test Command will host an Asian Pacific celebration 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., today at the Recreation Center featuring a martial arts demonstration by Master Choi and food sampling from the regions.

For more information, call Judy Matthews, 410-278-1017.

### RAB meeting scheduled tonight

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Thursday, May 25, at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic of the meeting will be an update on the Other Edgewood Area Study Area.

Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

### Alert to APG community

Aberdeen Test Center will support a series of training exercises which

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APG is first stop for Soldier Show

# Spouses' club beautifies APG



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Red geraniums adorn the front of Top of the Bay courtesy of the Garden Club members of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club. See story on page 2.

## DoD working to improve active, reserve, civilian work force

Story by  
**RUDI WILLIAMS**  
*American Forces Press Service*

The Defense Department is seeking ways to foster sweeping changes in its civilian, reserve and active forces, DoD's top personnel official said at a conference in Falls Church, Va., April 25.

Any changes would be aimed at making the department more agile and effective, David S. C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for Personnel and Readiness, during his keynote speech at the Combined Workforce Conference.

Chu said DoD plans to convert thousands of military jobs to civilian positions.

Other initiatives include transforming the armed forces, prolonging careers for retirement and basing military promotions on preparedness rather than time in service.

DoD needs to better integrate its

people because people are the core of the organization and the reason it has been successful, Chu told the conference audience.

"It was their performance in the first Persian Gulf war almost 15 years ago that restored the American military to its place as the most respected institution in our society," Chu said.

Pointing out that integration of the National Guard, reserve and active forces into a "total force" isn't a new issue, Chu noted that former Defense Secretary Melvin Laird coined the phrase "total force" a generation ago.

Laird used the term in describing how the active duty and reserve communities were brought together to thwart the Soviet Union's efforts to dominate Western Europe and the oil fields of the Persian Gulf, Chu said.

He said Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's single, most important charge from the president is transforming the armed forces to meet chal-

lenges of the early 21st century.

Emphasizing that transformation is about much more than hardware, Chu said: "Yes, new weapons systems are important. But ultimately it's the people who are operating those systems that make the difference."

Therefore, he said, it's important to effectively manage how DoD manages its people, how it treats them, and how they're recruited, motivated and retained so the nation can retain the finest fighting force in the world.

Chu discussed the three broad strands that are the focus of DoD's personnel agenda – civilians, active military forces, and reserve components.

"The issue is how we bring these together most effectively in this early 21st century period to produce the military capabilities that we must have to defend our people and our society," he noted.

He said one of Rumsfeld's central concerns is how to restore the civil

service to its rightful place as an equal partner with the military.

"Too often in recent years managers have avoided using a federal civil service solution because the system has been too cumbersome," Chu said. "It doesn't give us an agile and responsive capacity."

DoD is working toward having civilians play a larger role in the defense of the nation.

"The department is in the process of converting about 20,000 positions from military to civil status," Chu said. "And there are plans to convert at least 10,000 more positions."

Chu also said many changes have been made in the way DoD looks at the reserve forces.

"Historically, since World War II, the United States saw the reserves as a strategic asset, perhaps mobilized once in a generation," Chu said.

He added that the National Guard  
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## APG police mark National Police Week with presentations to installation commanders

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
*APG News*

In honor of National Police Week, which is observed the week of May 15, the Aberdeen Proving Ground police presented replicas of department vehicles to the installation commanders May 18.

Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, and Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation command-

er, accepted the cars, the first in a collector series, from police officer Bill Thompson, president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 116-F, and APG Provost Marshal Robert Krauer.

Thompson said that the gesture was made in conjunction with the annual salute to law enforcement.

"We're keeping up the tradition that began when Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, former RDECOM commander was here," Thompson said. "My predecessor started this

tradition on behalf of the FOP and the APG police and we'd like to keep it going."

Nadeau and Wright said the gesture serves as a reminder of the serious nature of the department's mission to serve and protect the installation and its citizens.

"The job you do is demanding and challenging due to the dynamics of this installation," Nadeau said. "We don't give a second thought to half the things that go on around here and we should."

## 3 Doors Down to bring award winning sounds to APG

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
*APG News*

Tickets are still available for the Army Concert Tour featuring Lynard Skynard and 3 Doors Down which comes to Aberdeen Proving Ground Shine Sports Field, 7 p.m., June 24.

For tickets, visit MWR Registration in building 3326, call 410-278-4907/4621/4011, TTY: 410-278-4110, FAX 410-278-9083, e-mail mwr\_registration@apg.army.mil or use Ticketmaster at 800-551-SEAT or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

For more information, visit the MWR Web site [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

### 3 Doors Down

Since its debut in 2000, 3 Doors Down has sold more than 12 million albums, including six Number 1 singles - "Kryptonite," "Duck & Run," "Loser," "Be Like That," "When I'm Gone" and "Here Without You," making them one of the most popular and consistently successful rock bands in recent history.

3 Doors Down stands among the top concert draws in North America, performing more than 300 sold-out live shows a year.

According to Billboard Magazine, 3 Doors Down was the first debut act to ever have a #1 single in four different radio formats simultaneously. The band won the 2003 Billboard Music Awards for "Best Pop/Rock Group" and "Best Hot 100 Single," and the single "When I'm Gone" was named the most played song in



Photo courtesy of [www.3doorsdown.com](http://www.3doorsdown.com)  
2003 according to the Nielson Vegas for Artist of the Year: Modern AC Radio.

3 Doors Down released its third studio album 'Seventeen Days' on Feb. 8, 2005. The album features 12 original songs including the ballad "Landing in London" featuring Bob Seeger.

This year, the band performed a live concert at the Daytona International Speedway for 200,000 people on Feb. 12, with Lynyrd Skynyrd's Super Bowl Saturday Night Special which aired on CMT Feb. 5, and on The Late Show with David Letterman, Feb. 8.

The band members from Escatawpa, Miss., include Brad Arnold, lead vocals; Matt Roberts, guitar; Todd Harrell, bass and Chris Henderson, guitar.

(Editor's note: Information taken from [www.3doorsdown.com](http://www.3doorsdown.com).)



U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Noncommissioned Officer of the Year Sgt. Nixon Pacheco, left, holds an eagle sculpture from OC&S Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Slater as APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, right, congratulates the installation's top service members during the Military Appreciation Luncheon at Top of the Bay May 18.

## Harford Chamber of Commerce hails APG service members

Story and photo by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
*APG News*

Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Harford County Chamber of Commerce marked 29 years of partnership in celebrating the installation's finest service members during the Military Appreciation Luncheon held at Top of the Bay May 18.

Guests included local and state politicians and business leaders as well as organizational commanders from APG, installation service members, civilians, veterans and their family members.

Betsy Campion, chair of the chambers' Board of Directors, and Linda Walls, co-chair, of the Military

Affairs Committee, hosted the program.

An impressive display of military technology, including a combat-ready Stryker vehicle from the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center set up on the front lawn, greeted guests to the program.

Maj. Gen. Roger A. Nadeau, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command, was the guest speaker.

Nadeau said the event was "an extremely important day for a very good cause," and that "it gets more important every year."

He provided a comparison between the Gulf War and

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# MCSC, DIO partner to beautify APG

Story and photo by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

An ongoing project by the Military and Civilian Spouses Club is spreading colorful cheer across the installation.

Led by Garden Club chairperson Tammy Wright, the wife of Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison and deputy installation commander Col. John T. Wright, and co-chaired by Claire Rice, wife of Lt. Col. Bill Rice, commander, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, the group has been planting flower beds as a part of an installation beautification project.

To date, the group has planted flowers or installed flower pots at the four main gates of both Aberdeen and Gunpowder areas. Other areas include planting wildflowers at the median strip at Gate 22, Top of the Bay and the entrance to Plumb Point Loop on Aberdeen Boulevard. They plan to plant more at the new marquis signs, the median strip between the PX and Burger King, and the Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park.

Wright said the project is a joint effort between MCSC and the Directorate of Installation Operations.

“DIO prepared all of the flower beds and will water all of the plots,” Wright said. “The MCSC Garden Club has made the commitment to care for the flowers throughout the summer.”

The group plans to plant perennial flowers that return each year instead of the customary annuals that have to be replaced.

“The improvements benefit everyone on Aberdeen Proving Ground,” she said. “Other groups and organizations are encouraged to beautify their respective areas.”

Future MCSC plans include purchasing banners for the light poles on the main drives of both Aberdeen and Gunpowder areas, similar to the ‘Seasons Greetings’ banners put up by DIO over the holidays, she added.

## First yards of the month for ‘06 selected

Story by  
**YVONNE JOHNSON**  
APG News

Flowers, mulch and “just a little extra effort” were on the short-list of APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby as he went about the task of selecting the first Yard of the Month recipients for 2006 during an inspection of the post housing areas May 9.

Irby said that he considers the “overall appearance” of the front and back yards of housing units and looks for “obvious signs that they went to extra lengths of make it look like home.”

“You have to consider the time and effort it took to edge the grass or trim the shrubbery,” Irby said, adding that “they don’t do it just to get a sign in their yard, they do it for themselves. Extra effort not only makes their home look good, it makes the installation look better.”

The Yard of the Month program runs from May to September. In October, the Yard of the Year for each housing area is selected from among the monthly winners.

### May 2006 Yard of the Month winners

*Area 1: Plumb Point, Hopkins Loop and School Street*

2020 South School Street  
Sgt. 1st Class Sylbert Jackson-Smith,  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade

*Area 2: Bayside, New Chesapeake*  
2530-A Nautical Court  
Sgt. 1st Class Richard S. Paulson, 310th Military Intelligence Battalion

*Area 3: Patriot Village*  
3860-D Allegiance Court  
Staff Sgt. Christopher M. Gandee,



*From left, Garden Club members Lisa Panozzo, Tammy Wright, Corinne Sicard and Gloria DeBerry, plant flowers at the entrance to Plumb Point Loop on Maryland Boulevard as part of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club post beautification campaign May 9. Club members not pictured are Claire Rice, Kathleen Rooney, Becky McAndrews, Sandy Matthews and Cheryl Boles.*

“With 65 tenant organizations on this installation, MCSC would like them to join in by sponsoring one banner each,” she said. “The brackets are already installed on the poles.”

“Although a design hasn’t been settled on, the goal is to make it look like ‘Main Street, U.S.A.’ and to fly the banners year round. After all, this is home for so many of us. It’s not only where we work, it’s where we live,” she said.

MCSC President Gloria DeBerry added that the group would like to thank DIO, particularly director Dale Knieriemen, and Buzzy Soltis, and to AAFES for donating plants, shrubs and

seeds.

“We’re asking anyone who would like to sponsor an area, donate flowers or volunteer to assist the Garden Club with the beautification effort to contact us,” DeBerry said. “The Garden Club is just one of the many activities of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club.”

MCSC welcomes new members throughout

the year and is open to military spouses of all branches (active duty, retired, reserve, POW-MIA or deceased and active duty personnel, all APG civilian and contract employees, tenant activities, active or retired, and /or their spouses. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail [MCSCPresident@msn.com](mailto:MCSCPresident@msn.com). For information on the MCSC, visit [www.apgmcsc.org](http://www.apgmcsc.org).

## USO holds first Military Spouse Career Expo

*USO*

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and Joint Employment Transition Services will present the first Military Spouse Career Expo, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 17 at Sosa Recreation Center, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Attendance is free to any military spouse; registration is required.

The Career Expo will include presentations on federal jobs, self-employment and alternative careers. Guest speakers will be Debbie Kloeppel, a military spouse and founder/CEO

of Military Spouse Corporate Career Network and Victoria Parnham, CEO of the Virtual Business Owners. Anne Lauritzen, wife of the Fort Belvoir garrison commander, will welcome attendees to the expo.

Events also will include a "mini job fair" with national and local employers, information on home-based businesses and representatives from the Small Business Administration. Lunch is included.

For more information or to register, visit [www.USOMetroDC.org](http://www.USOMetroDC.org).

## Family Housing funding shortfall main topic at May Well-Being Action Council meeting

Story by  
**HEATHER TASSMER**  
APG News

Army Family Housing Maintenance and Repair took center stage at the monthly Well-Being Action Council meeting held at the Main Post Chapel May 18.

Col. John T. Wright, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground, used the forum to address family housing residents’ concerns.

To aid in understanding, Wright discussed the budget process for AFH and Basic Allowance for Housing, explaining how these funds are distributed and are not interchangeable.

He further explained the difference in funding for APG housing and the Residential Communities Initiative or privatization of family housing, in effect at several nearby installations, such as Forts Meade and Belvoir.

Specifically, Wright addressed the repair procedures for heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems. The highlights of the HVAC repair procedures are as follows: after the resident completes routine self-help and the AC is not functioning, they should call or submit a service order request using the APG Intranet. The Directorate of Installation Operations will respond to conduct a function check of the AC. If the malfunction can be immediately corrected, they will do so, however if the system requires replacement or extensive repairs, several options exist – 1) the resident may voluntarily choose to remain in quarters pending repair, 2) they may choose to remain and DIO will install window units to supplement the cooling, 3) they may voluntarily choose to relocate on-post, or 4) they may voluntarily choose to relocate off-post at their own expense. Under no circumstances should residents attempt or arrange for HVAC repairs on their own.

Funds remain limited and request for service will be prioritized within the available funds. The garrison is seeking emergency funding to correct current and forecasted AC repairs.

A memorandum was distributed to attendees and will be made available to all residents providing details on the funding situation and answering frequently asked questions.

### DLES

The “Click It or Ticket” Safety Belt Enforcement Campaign will run through June 4 as attested by Wright signing the proclamation as the first order of business at the council meeting. The goal of the campaign is to get citizens in the community to use their safety belts while driving or riding in a car.

During the past year APG, the Police and Fire departments received recognition from the state of Maryland for record seat belt use on the installation, Wright said.

“I hope to continue that record,” he said.

Officer Mike Farlow has been working with youths at Child and Youth Services, training them over a series of nine weeks on all D.A.R.E. concepts. The children had to complete pretests and post tests on each lesson and

write journal entries in a workbook. In addition, the children wrote essays on how they would use what they learned in their lives.

One of the concepts students learned about was the D.A.R.E. “decision-making model,” which helps them to make the right decisions with everyday issues, Farlow said. They learned facts about how drugs and alcohol affect the body and discussed situations or scenarios where they can apply the model.

Farlow said the program not only focused on drugs and alcohol but also bullying.

Tonight, 75 youths will graduate at a ceremony at CYS, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Watch the *APG News* for an upcoming story about D.A.R.E. graduation.

### MWR

The Army Concert with Lynyrd Skynyrd and 3 Doors Down with special guest Daniela Cotton will be held on June 24. Those on active duty can buy tickets for \$25 (one per service member); civilians can buy advance tickets for \$30 and \$35 on the day of the concert.

The Recreation Center will be the library’s new location beginning May 23.

Tickets are available for the plays, “Mamma Mia” at the Hippodrome in Baltimore and “Mary Poppins” on Broadway. Orioles tickets are also available for \$6. For more information on ordering tickets, call 278-4621 or e-mail [mwr\\_registration@apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@apg.army.mil).

June 10 is Military Appreciation Day at the LPGA Golf Championships in Bulle Rock, Havre de Grace. All active duty military personnel will be given free admission. Those that attend will then be given a free round of golf to be used on a future date.

### KUSAHC

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic Commander Lt. Col. Bill Rice said pediatrics is “back in the green” and the General Medicine Clinic has made progress in care. KUSAHC was supposed to hire two new doctors but now they’re only hiring one.

“No-shows” at the clinic continue to be a problem, Rice said. Patients are given 10 minutes after their scheduled time to show up. He asks that patients call the health clinic if they cannot make it to their appointment.

### DENTAC

DENTAC will be setting up a booth at the Bicycle Rodeo on June 17. They will provide sports guards, games for children and oral care information.

### DMWR

The Mother’s Day celebration was a success with 265 attendees.

The Bayside Pool will be open on weekends until school lets out on June 12. After that it will be open all week long.

### AAFES

Dry cleaning and laundromat services will be reduced to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday; and closed on Sundays.

The next Well-Being Community Council will be held 9:30 a.m. June 15 at the Post Chapel.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
61st Ordnance Brigade  
*Area 4: APG Mobile Home Park*  
B-10 Baltic Court  
Sgt. 1st Class Greg Silvers, 16th Ordnance Battalion

*5: Skippers Point*  
1149-A Elk Drive  
Staff Sgt. Ricky M. Stallings Jr., U.S. Air Force Detachment

*6: Everett Road, Scully Road, Clearview, Chevron, Austin Road and Parrish Road*  
*E-1228 Everett Road*  
Lt. Col. Orman W. Boyd, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine



Photo by MARGUERITE TOWSON  
*The Area 1 winner for the May Yard of the Month uses groupings of yard ornaments to compliment the many flower beds and a yard and grass that was well groomed, both in front and in back.*

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More than 300 turned out filling the Ordnance Museum to capacity May 12 during the Ordnance Hall of Fame ceremony to honor this year's 13 inductees.

## 194 years of ‘Living the legacy’ Ordnance Corps celebrates anniversary

Story and photo by  
**KHAALID WALLS**  
OC&S

The annual Ordnance Ball May 12 in the main ballroom of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Top of the Bay culminated a two-day anniversary celebration for the Army's second largest branch.

Earlier that day, a retreat ceremony on Ordnance Circle was held in part to honor Soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Maj. Gen. Vincent Boles, Ordnance chief and commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, noted in the retreat program the resolve of those lost in action.

"As we lower the flag paying respect to our country and it is folded with crisp hand movements and synchronized execution, be reminded that we do so paying tribute to the Soldiers who gave their lives defending that flag. With similar synchronized execution, these Soldiers have earned the respect of a grateful nation and are sterling examples of the Ordnance Corps' proud tradition of "Service to the Line, On the Line, On Time."

Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, the commanding general for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command, was the reviewing officer for the afternoon event. He highlighted ordnance Soldiers' significant contributions to past and present conflicts saying that "the ordnance Corps has been the backbone of reliability and readiness."

"Here I am, send me," Stevenson said quoting a biblical reference from the book of Isaiah.

Earlier in the day during the Hall of Fame induction ceremony, this year's theme "Living the legacy," was emphasized when each inductee was introduced by current Ordnance Soldiers and civilians.

Senior civilians, battalion commanders, warrant officers, a senior noncommissioned officer and three lieutenants interviewed the inductees and drafted remarks based on those interviews. Many in attendance mentioned that the effort help put a personal touch on the event.

This year's historical inductees were Col. Paul N. Gillon and Col. Edward Gluck.

The contemporary inductees were Maj. Gen. James R. Klugh, Brig. Gen. John G. Zierdt, Jr., Col. Roger F. Brown, Col. Werner G. Schmidt, Jr., Col. William J. Stoddart, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Larry W. Van Cleve, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kenneth B. N. Hill, Command Sgt. Maj. Herbert Nicholson, Russell L. Childress, Jr., Claire B. Starnes, and her husband and former OC&S public affairs officer Edward C. Starnes.

Just before the annual retreat ceremony, Boles along with six past chiefs of Ordnance honored longtime executive assistant Carol Nye, who is celebrating 40 years of federal service this year. She has served eight chiefs of Ordnance and several other general officers during her tenure.

The two-day's worth of anniversary events began with the 9th Annual Ordnance Corps Association Golf Tournament on APG's Ruggles Golf Course. A portion of the event's proceeds goes to scholarships and awards.

## Military

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the Global War on Terror and extended a tribute to those on point in the defense of the nation.

He said that although the largest armored corps in history assembled on the Iraqi desert during the Gulf War, a major lesson lost was that the war was not "real personal."

"It was a turkey shoot in many ways..." he said, "many Soldiers never saw the face of the enemy."

"Today is very different," he said. "It is personal. It is a company commander's war, a war on the ground."

"You are hard pressed nowadays to find someone who hasn't been there twice," he said, adding that civilian involvement is so strong that "most days I have more Soldiers and civilians in the combat zone than I do [in the command]."

"That is the dynamics of war today," he said. "There are two kinds of Soldiers, those who carry guns and those who support those who carry guns. We are an Army of volunteers and all who serve today had a choice."

He said that those who suf-

fer the most during this war are the family members who are left behind to worry.

"But at the end of the day," he said, "young service members will tell you that they are making a difference."

"We are proud to serve and very appreciative of those who do serve.

"Today, we are about to recognize the best of the absolute best," he said in closing. "I never forget that my job is to figure out what I can do for you," he said to the assembled awardees. "Congratulations to all who are about "to be recognized."

Assisted by RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Eloy Alcivar and APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, Nadeau presented awards and decorations to the installation's top noncommissioned officers and Soldiers.

The awardees included APG NCO of the Year Staff Sgt. Timothy P. Inman; APG Soldier of the Year Spc. Joseph M. Kraft; RDECOM NCO of the Year Staff Sgt. Veronica D. Moore; U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools NCO of the Year Sgt. Nixon Pacheco; OC&S Drill Sergeant of the Year Sgt. 1st Class Kris Toman; OC&S Instructor of the Year Staff Sgt. Alvin Martin; U.S. Marine Corps Detachment NCO of the Year

Gunnery Sgt. Daniel W. Brugger; USMC Instructor of the Year Gunnery Sgt. Eric L. Darmstadt; U.S. Air Force Detachment NCO of the Year Staff Sgt. Ryan M. Voneida; and USAF Instructor of the Year Staff Sgt. Charles R. Dettlinger.

Bill Seccurro, president and CEO, said the annual event highlights the great partnership between the surrounding community and APG.

"It is our pleasure to recognize those great folks who protect us on APG," Seccurro said.

He thanked all involved in the planning and coordination of the event, including APG Garrison and deputy installation commander Col. John T. Wright; Irby, who provided logistical support; *APG News* editor Debi Horne and graphic artist Nick Pentz, for the production of the MAW pullout that was inserted in the previous week's issues of *Homestead Publishing Company* publications; and George Mercer, chief of the APG Public Affairs Office.

The program included Soldier of the Year acknowledgements led by Rick Weiner, co-chair, Military Affairs Committee, and the reading of proclamations led by Chris Schlehr, Town of Bel Air.

components."

About 500,000 guardsmen and reservists have been mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001.

Officials are working to bring civilians, reservists and active-duty personnel together into one integrated community, which would make the total force more agile and more responsive, Chu said.

"Unlike the Cold War where we had a very well-developed idea of what was the problem and what might be the solution, now, we can't foresee with the same kind of certainty what the military operation of the future might look like," he said. "We have to be able to respond much more quickly than was true in the Cold War."

## Work force

*From front page*

has generally been used for home tasks but not current operations. But that began to change in the last decade and expanded enormously after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Chu said.

"We made the decision in the department that the reserves would really be part of the operational force, an integral part of the total force," Chu said. "We recognized that reservists are not able to serve 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Therefore, we have to be judicious and prudent in our use of reserve

# Community Notes

**SATURDAY**

**MAY 27**

**EXPLORE HABITATS  
ALONG DEER CREEK**

Learn about the fascinating species of plants and animals that can be found along Deer Creek, 10 to 11:30 a.m., at the Eden Mill Nature Center, located on 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville. Children ages 6 to 8 can enroll in the Eden Mill Nature Center’s upcoming Habitats along Deer Creek program. The cost is \$5 for members; \$6 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to pre-register, call 410-836-3050 or e-mail eden\_mill@hotmail.com.

**PICK UP STICKS**

For one day only, get a ‘Picking Permit’ to find, make and take a walking stick home. The fee is \$3 and is for ages 6 to 11 with an adult and 12 to adult from 2 to 4 p.m. Reservations are required. For information, directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center or to make a reservation, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000,

extension 1688.

**LOOM BEADING**

Learn how to craft an intricate pattern on a loom to create a traditional Native American bead project. The fee is \$10 and is for ages 12 through adult from 1 to 3 p.m. Reservations are required. For information, directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center or to make a reservation, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, extension 1688.

**FRIDAY**

**JUNE 2**

**BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Cecil County Relay for Life will be held at Elkton High School, 110 James Street. Doors open 9:15 p.m., Bingo starts at 10 p.m. Door prizes, raffles and light refreshments will be available. Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards, 12 games only. Extra packs cost \$5 each. No smoking is allowed.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332, or Pat

Job, 410-273-5628.

**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 3**

**BASKET BINGO**

The Warrior Brotherhood Veterans Motorcycle Club will sponsor Basket Bingo to benefit veterans’ activities, at American Legion Post 17, 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for all paper cards. Food, beverages,

baked goods, door prizes and raffles will be available. Baskets will be filled with an assortment of goodies. Extra packs cost \$5 each. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338 or Carla Bloss, 410-676-0972.

*(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Cmty. Notes.)*

## MOVIES

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75**  
**Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard**

**To verify listing, call 410-272-9008, or visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) and click on “Movie Listing”**

**BENCHWARMERS**

Friday, May 26, 7 p.m.

Starring: Rob Schneider, David Spade, Jon Heder, Jon Lovitz

Rob Schneider, David Spade and Jon Heder star in this hilariously funny comedy about three guys (Schneider, Spade, Heder) who, all their lives, have been living in the shadow of bullies and are determined not to take it anymore. Now they must train with the help of Mel (Jon Lovitz) to take on the most offensive and meanest Little League teams. Also starring Craig Kilborn, Tim Meadows, Nick Swardson and Molly Sims. (Rated PG-13)

**PHAT GIRLZ (FREE ADMISSION)**

Saturday, May 27, 7 p.m.

Starring: Mo’Nique, Godfrey, Kendra C. Johnson, Joyful Drake

Jazmin (Mo’Nique) is a sassy wannabe fashion designer. Together with her plus-sized buddy, she’s

about ready to give up on finding love in a world of hot, skinny supermodels. Will they ever find the men of their dreams? (Rated PG-13)

**SCARY MOVIE 4**

Saturday, May 27, 9 p.m.

Starring: Anthony Anderson, Craig Bierko, Carmen Electra, Chris Elliott, Anna Faris

Sending up blockbusters such as Saw, Million Dollar Baby, War of the Worlds, The Village and The Grudge, the fourth installment of the spoof franchise finds dimwitted Cindy Campbell (Faris) joined by the cute and clueless Tom Ryan (Bierko). Campbell moves in next to Ryan because she's taking care of an old lady. She finds out the house is haunted by a little boy and goes on a quest in the village to find out who killed him and why. Also, Alien "Tri-Pods" are invading the world and Cindy has to uncover the secret in order to stop them. (Rated PG-13)

Post Shorts

may result in noise through June 9.

Residents and boaters in the surrounding communities may hear weapons firing and observe aircraft flying at low altitudes. Illumination devices may create flashes of light visible off-post. Activity may take place in the installation’s restricted waters and/or in the air, over both land and water, and may include weapons firing and use of air and watercraft.

For complaints or more information, call 410-278-1147, 410-278-1153 or 1-800-688-8705.

Hydrant flushing in May

Fire hydrant flushing in the Aberdeen Area of APG is scheduled through June 16. The city of Aberdeen will perform annual hydrant flushing starting with the family housing area starting at 4 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week. Through May 26, flushing will include blocks 300, 200 and 400.

May 30 through June 2, flushing will include blocks 600, 3000 and 4000 blocks.

June 5 through 16, flushing will include blocks 3000 and 4000.

Youths participate in ChalleNGe Program Invitational

Almost 600 National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program Cadets from 12 States, including those from APG, will compete in the 10th Anniversary of the ChalleNGe Invitational, 9 a.m., June 4 through 9, at the University of Maryland, College Park. Cadets from around the country will compete in a week of physical and mental challenges including basketball, volleyball, softball, GED Jeopardy, chess, drill team and complete a triathlon, to become the top program in the nation.

For more information, visit [www.ngycp.org](http://www.ngycp.org).

Request regarding service credit

The Office of Personnel Management's new service credit system implemented in April provides a new service to employees who have made a request to make a service credit deposit/redeposit for civilian service.

An updated service credit statement can now be obtained by calling OPM’s toll free number, 888-767-6738. With one click of the mouse, a customer service representative can instantly provide the amount owed, including accrued interest and generate a statement to be mailed to the customer. The status of a service credit account can also be obtained by calling the toll free number. Do not reapply to obtain a status report. Duplicate applications slow the process down. Calls will

be forwarded to the Refund and Deposit Section if the customer service representative determines it is necessary.

Bicycle Safety Poster Contest

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security will hold a Bicycle Safety Poster Contest. All ages are invited to participate in the contest. Any type of drawing can be made with pencils, crayons, markers and chalk on 8 and one half by 11 inch white paper. Names, ages and phone numbers should be placed on the back of the posters. Posters must be turned in by June 10 to any Child and Youth Services building or mailed to building 2752, APG, MD 21005.

Western Bike Rodeo

The Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security will host a Western Bike Rodeo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., June 17 in the field beside Rodman Road between buildings 2727 and 2752. Children can bring their bikes for a free bike safety check and try out the bike safety course. Events include a Drug Free Kite Fly, bounce house, food, arts, crafts demonstrations, give-a-ways, face painting, static displays by the police and fire departments and more.

For more information, call 410-273-6412.

Unleaded fuel no longer available at Aberdeen fuel station

Due to mechanical problems, unleaded fuel cannot be dispensed at the Aberdeen Fuel Station, building 4029, and it is expected to be unavailable for about one month.

Drivers of Army owned-vehicles and equipment requir-

ing unleaded fuel must gas up at the Edgewood Station, building E-4017. GSA vehicle operators must go to the Motor Pool in building 5256 to obtain a GSA credit card to purchase unleaded fuel at AAFES or commercial gas stations. Diesel, compressed natural gas and bulk fueling is still available at the Aberdeen station.

For more information, contact Bill Arguero, 410-306-2280 or Richard Walter, 410-278-5582.

Volunteer LPNs and RNs needed

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic needs volunteer licensed practical nurses and registered nurses to assist with clinical duties. Students are welcome.

For more information, call Maj. Kathy Reynolds-Presper, 410-278-1813.

American Legion holds Memorial Day Service

American Legion Post 135, located on 300 Cherry Street, Perryville, will hold its annual Memorial Day Service 11 a.m. May 29. The club and bar will be closed during the ceremony. Refreshments will be served after the service.

For more information, call 410-642-2771.

Thrift Shops holds \$2 bag sale in May

Throughout May, the Thrift Shop will hold a \$2 bag sale in the Bargain Room.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of the month.

For information, call during shop hours only, 410-272-8572.

*(Editors Note: More shorts can be seen at [www.apgnews.apg.army.mil](http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil) under Shorts.)*

# Motorcycle training required for all riders on APG

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When entering the installation, motorcycle riders must have proof that the rider has taken a Motorcycle Safety Foundation safety course, the Basic Riders Course or the Experienced Riders Course.

“The Department of Defense has taken notice of the number of accidents and deaths related to motorcycles, which have been occurring on and off DOD installations,” said Randy Rexrode, safety and occupational health specialist, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment. “DODI [DoD Instruction] 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program, and AR [Army Regulation] 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, both require that all

personnel who ride a motorcycle on a DOD installation must complete a mandatory motorcycle safety course and must wear the proper personal protective equipment.”

Riders must have either the MSF wallet card or the MSF certificate indicating completion of one of these motorcycle safety courses to access the installation. A card or certificate for a course which is not recognized as an MSF motorcycle safety course will not be accepted.

The Installation Safety Division has scheduled monthly classes at APG for military personnel, government employees, family members, retirees and contractors in need of motorcycle safety training. Classes will be offered from March thru the end of October.

Course will include practicing basic skills such as making an emergency stop, stopping on a curve, swerving multiple times in succession, braking then swerving and classroom instruction, which includes a written exam and a riding skills test.

The classes are provided at no cost to military, DOD civilian personnel, dependents, retirees, and contractors (the latter on a space-available basis). Military and DOD civilians will not be required to take leave to attend this training.

The BRC is for the novice rider who has a learner’s permit, his/her own motorcycle and would like to learn how to ride safely. This course is a two-day course starting at 7 a.m. and ending the next day in the afternoon.

The ERC is for a licensed motorcycle rider who has his/her own motorcycle and desires to sharpen their riding skills. This course will begin at 7 a.m. and ends at noon on the day of instruction.

Riders that do not successfully complete one of these courses will not be allowed to



Photo by MARGUERITE TOWSON  
*Instructor David Backert makes a point to a group of students during Motorcycle Certification training at APG.*

ride on the installation.

“A person, who has taken the BRC or ERC motorcycle safety training elsewhere will not be required to retake the course, provided proof of attendance can be supplied,” Rexrode said.

Contractors are invited to register for the courses and must follow the same requirements as military personnel and government employees as outlined in the DODI 6055.4 and AR 385-55 when registering for motorcycle safety training on APG.

All riders must wear an approved Department of Transportation helmet, full fingered gloves, long pants, long sleeve shirt or jacket, leather boots or shoes over the ankle and safety eye protection such as safety glasses, goggles or face shield attached to the helmet (even if the motorcycle has a windscreen). Riders will wear brightly colored clothing during the day (dawn to dusk) and reflective garments from dusk to dawn.

Motorcyclists will not be allowed on the installation without the required clothing.

“There will be no waivers issued to riders for the above course and clothing requirements to ride on APG,” Rexrode said.

People who ride motorcycles that have three wheels, (a trike) or have a side car attached to the motorcycle are not required to take the course but are still required to wear the proper riding clothing as someone riding a two-wheeled motorcycle.

Classes are limited in size. Riders that require one of these courses should register soon. In order of priority for selection: military first, government employee’s second, family members third followed by retirees and contractors.

### Class dates

<b>BRC:</b>	
June	12-13
July	10-11
Aug.	7-8
Sept.	25-26
<b>ERC:</b>	
June	7, 14 and 28
July	12 and 26
Aug.	9 and 23
Sept.	6 and 27
Oct.	4 and 18

Personnel can request the training via e-mail at [imneapgshs@apg.army.mil](mailto:imneapgshs@apg.army.mil) or by calling instructor David Backert, 410-306-1097.

If selected for the BRC or ERC, a rider will receive an e-mail from the instructor confirming selection for the training.



## DoD overseas laboratories highlighted in Nature magazine

TRICARE Management Activity

The March 2, 2006 edition of Nature magazine features an article about the Department of Defense overseas laboratories that support disease epidemic preparedness around the world.

The article, "Laboratories for Global Epidemic Preparedness," discusses the work of the five laboratories comprising the DoD Global Emerging Infections Surveillance and Response System (DoD-GEIS), created by a Presidential Decision Directive in 1996. Army and Navy science and medical professionals assigned to the labs work with host nations and the World Health Organization to improve detection and response for avian influenza and other emerging infections.

Written by DoD-GEIS staff members, the article suggests the world needs more labora-

tories that follow the DoD-GEIS model to detect and respond to avian influenza, and as-yet unknown diseases.

"The time has come to build on their experience and create a new generation of multilateral, WHO-aligned laboratories as a front-line defense against future pandemics," DoD-GEIS staff members wrote.

Avian influenza has been high on the DoD-GEIS network priority list since late 2003. It has caused human deaths in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, China, and most recently, Turkey and Iraq. Most or all of the victims acquired the infections directly from birds.

If the virus becomes transmissible from person to person, the world could face a devastating pandemic.

To avert this scenario, medical researchers must quickly identify and contain avian influenza outbreaks in birds and

people wherever they occur.

This is where the DoD-GEIS surveillance networks play such an important role. They have established patient enrollment sites in more than 20 countries in South America, the Middle East, Sub-Sahara Africa, and Central and Southeast Asia.

In some nations, these networks provide WHO with the only information available on disease strains essential for vaccine development and pandemic preparedness. They often identify diseases where they were not previously known to occur.

For example, this past year, military laboratories identified new outbreaks of dengue, an acute infectious disease transmitted by mosquitoes, in areas of Peru, Sudan and Yemen.

"I'm delighted that Nature magazine is recognizing the valuable work being done by DoD-GEIS," said Dr. William

Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. "The GEIS network is yet another way that DoD contributes in a humanitarian way to people around the globe."

For more information visit <http://www.geis.fhp.osd.mil>.

## White House report outlines roles in flu pandemic response

Story by  
**DONNA MILES**  
*American Forces Press Service*

If a flu pandemic hit the United States, the Defense Department's top priority would be to protect the military's operational readiness so it can play a supporting role to the Homeland Security and State departments, as outlined in a national response plan released today by the White House.

The 227-page Implementation Plan for the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza provides a road map for marshaling the response, detailing roles and responsibilities for federal departments and agencies. It also sets expectations for state and local governments and nonfederal entities.

The plan includes more than 300 critical actions, many already initiated, to address the avian and pandemic flu threat, Frances Townsend, the president's homeland security adviser, told reporters today.

"I should make it clear from the outset that we do not know whether the bird virus we are seeing overseas will ever become a human virus, and we cannot predict whether a human virus will lead to a pandemic," Townsend said.

She noted that the H5N1 virus has infected just 205 people to date, killing 113 of those infected.

"However, it is possible that if the virus undergoes genetic changes, it could signal the start of a human epidemic," she said.

And in the event that it does, Townsend said it's criti-

cal that people understand and prepare for "the worst-case scenario."

Planning for such a scenario helps ensure a coordinated response to prevent or slow the infection's spread and helps "take the fear out of it so there's not chaos," she said.

Should a pandemic such as the H5N1 bird flu hit the United States, DoD would support the Department of Homeland Security in domestic preparedness and response, consistent with its U.S. national security mission, defense officials said. At the same time, the department would support the State Department in addressing the crisis internationally.

But the department's top priority would be to protect the military's operational readiness by taking care of military forces, civilian personnel, dependents and beneficiaries, according to Air Force Col. Richard Chavez, senior military adviser for Civil Support.

To ensure it's able to do that, DoD has established stockpiles of vaccines to keep service members healthy and able to protect the country. This stockpile includes about 2.7 million doses of H5N1 avian influence vaccine and 2.4 million treatment courses of anti-virals.

The department is also developing systems for inpatient and outpatient disease surveillance at its institutions worldwide, according to Ellen Embrey, deputy assistant secretary for health protection and readiness.

Protecting the force and maintaining essential functions and services would ensure the military is able to use its people and resources to support the overall response, Chavez said.

For example, military planes might be requested to transport critical resources, officials said. The department's medical surveillance and laboratory testing facilities could be tapped. Military forces might be asked to provide security as pharmaceuticals are transported and distributed. Military medical staffs might provide critical patient care. National Guard troops would likely help keep the peace.

Recognizing their potential role, U.S. European Command, U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Pacific Command have already sponsored pandemic influence response exercises, Chavez said.

In his preface to the plan, President Bush said a U.S. response to a flu pandemic will require the participation and coordination of all levels of government and segments and society.

"Our nation will face this global threat united in purpose and united in action in order to best protect our families, our communities, our nation and our world from the threat of pandemic influenza," he wrote.



# Morale, Welfare & Recreation

## Activities

**All services, classes and events are available to DoD cardholders, military, civilian, contractors, retirees, family members and guests. For information on these or any other events, please check out [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).**

**Lynyrd Skynyrd, 3 Doors Down coming to APG**

The Army Concert Tour will appear at Shine Sports Field on APG June 24. Gates open at 6 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. Advance tickets cost \$30, day of show tickets cost \$35. To purchase tickets call Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT; visit the MWR Ticket Office in building 3326 or Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, building E-4210 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.); via telephone, call 410-278-4907/4621/4011, TTV 410-278-4110; or e-mail [mwr\\_registration@apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@apg.army.mil). No refunds, concert is rain or shine.

**Aberdeen Recreation Center Snack Bar**

An alternative lunch choice is the Recreation Center Snack Bar in building 3326 where there are many choices for a quick lunch 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday dining inside or outside on the patio. Cheesesteak subs, turkey burgers, pizza and much, much more are offered. It is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday. Visit the MWR Web site for exact times or call 410-278-2621.

**Army Community Services is located in building 2754, Rodman Road. For information about these or any other services that ACS offers, call 410-278-7474/2453.**

**Parent Information Exchange (PIE)**

This program is for

Exceptional Family Members and is 6 to 7 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This support group is designed to assist military families who have family members with special needs. Its goals are to improve the members' ability to cope and discuss community resources. Free child care is available; call in advance if needed.

### Play Mornings

ACS offers a weekly play group on Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. for parents and children under 6-years-old to meet other parents while their children socially interact with each other. This is an ongoing program and play groups are held in the APG Chapel, room 5.

### Employment readiness class

Each month, ACS hosts a class to help people jump start their career. The next two classes are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., May 31 and June 14 in building 2754 on Rodman Road.

### Drivers education

Several sessions of drivers education are being taught on both Aberdeen and Edgewood. Students 15 to 18 years of age must attend and complete 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours in car instructions. Student must have a Learners Permit. Parents, guardians, or mentors must attend the first class with student.

### Piano lessons

Lessons will be held until June 9, 2 to 7:30 p.m. Each session is 30 minutes long and will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Space is limited, register now. Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

### Chess

Chess classes will be held 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at the Aberdeen Youth Center. Students will learn the basic rules of chess, offensive and defensive strategies, how to gain advantage over opponents, what to do when behind, and moving a piece to obtain superior board position will be covered.

### Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking classes will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m., every Wednesdays in building 2752. All materials are included except students will need to bring in their own photos. Students will make a new layout during every class.

### Jujitsu

Jujitsu classes will be held 6 to 7 p.m., Monday at the Aberdeen Youth Center Gym. Grandmaster Soto, a 10th degree black and red belt, will be instructing.

### Basic auto mechanic class

Basic Auto Mechanic classes designed to enable the student to perform maintenance on a vehicle's engine and accessories will be held 5:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday nights at Automotive Crafts, building 2379.

**For information on Outdoor Programs, call Charles Heinsohn, 410-278-3868. To sign up for a class, visit MWR Registration, located in building 3326, call 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail [mwr\\_registration@apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@apg.army.mil) or visit Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).**

### Adult tennis lessons

Learn to play tennis or brush up on existing skills. Beginner and intermediate tennis lessons will be held on 6 and 7 p.m., Fridays at the Tennis Courts on Susquehanna

beginning June 2. All equipment will be provided.

### Container gardening

Discover the secrets of container gardening Monday, 5:30 p.m., June 5 at the Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326. Learn how to use a proven method of success in the garden. This seminar is presented by Harford County Master Gardener's Club. The cost is \$10.

### Canoeing

This course is designed to teach the basic fundamentals of canoeing. Students will learn the various types of equipment and boating safety. The information provided will help them select the equipment and canoe best suited for their individual needs. The class will be held at 5 p.m., June 30 at Aberdeen Boat Dock.

**For information on these or any other division of sports and fitness, call Ralph Cuomo, 410-278-2812.**

### All-Army Ironman Team

Army Sports is now accepting applications to compete in the Hawaii Ironman Championship. The competition is Oct. 17 thru 23. To apply, go to <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil> using an AKO account. Review the selection criteria on the Web site for more information that should be included on the application. Deadline is June 1.

### APG sponsoring team in Army 10-Miler—runners needed

The APG Community Recreation Division Sports Branch is sponsoring a team in the upcoming Army 10-Miler, Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C. Team participation is limited to active duty Army personnel assigned to APG. A qualifying five-mile run will be held at Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center, E-4210, in Edgewood, 8 a.m., June 11.

CRD will pay the entry fee, provide race day transportation and a team shirt to all qualifiers for the D.C. event. Qualifiers must provide a signed statement from their commander authorizing them

to participate in the Oct. 8 event. Interested runners must pre-register no later than June 5. This is not a Commander's Cup event.

For more information, visit [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com) or call Cuomo, 410-278-3812 or Capt. Kirk Pietsch, 410-436-9677.

### All-Army Women's Softball

Apply to the All-Army Women's Softball team until June 15. AKO account holders can visit <https://armysports.cfsc.army.mil> to process the application, which will automatically route through their commander and sports director to the Army Sports Office.

**To sign up for a youth sport, contact Central Registration, building 2752, 41-278-7571/7479. All sports participants must have a current sports physical, due at registration and be a member of Youth Services.**

### Coaches needed

Anyone interested in volunteering to coach, or would like more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

### Youth soccer league

Boys and girls, ages 4 to 16 are invited to participate in the Youth Soccer League. Registration begins June 1. The cost is \$30 for ages 4 thru 5 and \$40 for ages 6 thru 16. Space is limited. The team selection will be on July 5 and practices start the first week of August.

**MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel is located in building 3326. They may be contacted at (410) 278-4011/4907, by e-mail at [mwr\\_registration@apg.army.mil](mailto:mwr_registration@apg.army.mil) or on the Web site, [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).**

### Australia specials

Spend five amazing nights in Sydney, Australia's largest and world famous harbor city, home of the 2000 Olympic Games. Or, spend the five nights in Melbourne. It is the sporting capital of Australia and home of Aussie Rules Football and the Formula 1

Australian Grand Prix. Packages include roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles or San Francisco. Trips must be taken between May 1 and June 8 or Aug. 1 thru 30.

### Shop Till You Drop

Enjoy a day in New York City. On June 3. There is no set agenda. See a show, shop, site see or just visit. The bus will leave Vitali's Restaurant parking lot at approximately 8:15 a.m. and return around 10 p.m. The cost is \$39 and space is limited. Reserve a space today.

### NASCAR at Dover Speedway

There are a limited number of tickets available for members of the military community for the Sunday, June 4 race. Seats are first-come, first-served and cost \$86.

Tickets are also available for the Busch series race on Saturday, June 3 at Dover International Speedway, for \$37.

### Baltimore Orioles Tickets

Monday, June 5, watch the Orioles against the Toronto Blue Jays. The game is at 7:05 p.m. at Camden Yards. They are upper-level tickets and the quantities are limited. The tickets are \$48 each and a limited number are available.

### McDonald's LPGA Golf Championships

Come out for an exciting golf event June 8 thru 11 at Bulle Rock in Havre de Grace. Come watch the biggest names in women's golf compete in the LPGA.

Saturday, June 10 is Military Appreciation Day, active duty and retiree ID cardholders get in free. Tickets range from \$12 to \$65 for the event. Call for more specific information.

**Aberdeen Arts and Crafts is located in building 2407. Edgewood Arts and Crafts is located in building E-4440. For information, on pottery, stained glass, framing and woodshop classes call Debbie Brooks-Harris, 410-278-4207 or Holly Shisler, 410-436-2153.**

## SCHOOL LIAISON

### Scholarship enrollment open

ThanksUSA, will award \$4 million in amounts up to \$5,000 each, to fund college, vocational or technical school needs of military spouses and their children.

The Treasure Hunt Aiding Needs of Kids (and spouses) of those serving the United States of America was started by two children, Rachel and Kelsi Okun, ages 8 and 10.

"We wanted to show that we care about military families... who make sacrifices for our country just like our troops," they said.

The funds are combined federal, corporate and individual contributions shared through a partnership of [CinCHouse.com](http://CinCHouse.com) /Operation Homefront and Military con-

nection.com.

It is the first-ever nationwide treasure hunt staged to support military troops.

In this treasure hunt, participants of all ages will navigate their way through 12 challenging puzzles, each based on a U.S. state, with clues rooted in American history, culture and geography.

Scholarship enrollment closes May 30. Winners will be selected on the basis of financial need, academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities.

See [www.ThanksUSA.org](http://www.ThanksUSA.org) for an application and to begin the hunt.

### New immunization requirements for HC public schools One shot series takes four months

*Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene*

The Harford County Health Department is requiring students have the required vaccines before entry into school. New requirements state that before starting school next fall, preschool students (under 5 years) will be required to have at least one dose of the Prevnar vaccine (PCV7, pneumococcal vaccine) as well as three doses of hepatitis B vaccine.

Students currently in K thru 8th grade will be required to have three doses of hepatitis B vaccine. This series takes at least four

months to complete, so children should begin to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Students currently in K thru 8th grade will also be required to either be vaccinated against chickenpox or provide signed documentation from their physician stating the month and the year that the child was infected. Children 13 years of age or older who have not received the chickenpox vaccine or have not contracted the disease will require two doses.

To make an appointment for immunizations at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, call 410-278-5475.

## LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The Aberdeen Library is now located in the Recreation Center. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The library's Web site, [www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html), provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

## Upcoming Civilian Welfare Fund events/trips

**June 11 thru 16** - Trip to Cape Cod

**June 22 thru 25** - Weekend in Cape May

**July 13 thru 16** - Ace Adventure Trip to Oakhill, W.V., on the New River Gorge

**July 22** - New York City for the day

**Aug. 9 thru 13** - A tour of highlights in Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.

**Sept. 16** - A trip to Broadway, New York City; "The Wedding Singer"

**Oct. 6** - Ruth, at Sight and Sound and dinner at Hershey Farms

**Oct. 27** - "Howl at the Moon Golf Spectacular" at Ruggles Golf Course

**Nov. 18** - Scrapbooking Crop at Top of the Bay

**Nov. 25** - Trip to New York City for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular

**Nov. 24 thru 26** - A weekend in New York City to see Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular with hotel accommodations

**Dec. 15** - Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater



## Channel 21 features Pentagon Channel programming

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

### Monday

- ATS Reloaded, 5:30 a.m.
- American Veteran, 9:30 a.m.
- Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.
- Inside Afghanistan/FJ Iraq, 1 p.m.
- Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.
- Focus on the Force, 10 p.m.

### Tuesday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- RECON, 11 a.m.
- Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 3 p.m.
- Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, 4 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- American Veteran, 1 p.m.
- Inside Afghanistan/Freedom Journal Iraq, 2 p.m.
- RECON, 3:30 p.m.
- Focus on the Force, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, Noon
- Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.
- RECON, 3:30 p.m.
- American Veteran, 5 p.m.

### Friday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 10:30 a.m.
- RECON, Noon
- American Veteran, 2:30 p.m.
- Freedom Journal Iraq/Inside Afghanistan, 4 p.m.
- Focus on the Force, 6:30 p.m.
- ATS Reloaded, 7 p.m.

### Saturday

- Around the Services, 5:30 a.m.
- Inside Afghanistan/VA News, 7:30 a.m.
- American Veteran, 1:30 p.m.
- Army Healthwatch, 2 p.m.
- ATS Reloaded, 5:30 p.m.
- Battleground, 7 p.m.
- RECON, 8 p.m.

### Sunday

- ATS Reloaded, 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.
- Freedom Journal Iraq, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
- Today’s Military, 1 p.m.
- Around the Service, 7:30 p.m.
- Army Newswatch – Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army.

Around the Services – From the Pentagon Channel NewsCenter, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world.

RECON – A monthly information television program providing an in-depth look at a variety of topics, highlighting the accomplishments of U.S. military men and women.

Your Corps – Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine Corps.

Freedom Journal Iraq – A daily news program produced by American Forces Network Iraq. The program focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq.

Navy Marine Corp News – A weekly look at the men and women of today’s sea service.

Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the U.S. Air Force.

The American Veteran - A half-hour video news magazine designed to inform veterans, their families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned through their service to America and to recognize and honor that service.

Battleground - Every weekend, this series features historic films from World War II, Korean War, and the Vietnam War. *A Pentagon Channel Original Series.*

Focus on the Force – A weekly program highlighting missions, operations and people of the U.S. military.

Inside Afghanistan – Presents the latest from Operation Enduring Freedom, showing the activities of American troops in country.

ATS Reloaded – ATS-Reloaded revisits the best of the week and keeps viewers updated on information that’s important.



# CENTCOM team engages ‘bloggers’

Story by  
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The widespread use of Web logs, or "blogs," by online writers has proliferated information on topics as varied as the authors.

Blogs, in essence, are online journals or forums for their authors, known as "bloggers."

Public affairs officials said thousands of blogs are created each day, and they estimate that more than 21 million blogs are posted on the World Wide Web today.

Blogs sometimes include information -- accurate and otherwise -- about the U.S. military's Global War on Terror. U.S. Central Command officials took notice and created a team to engage these writers and their electronic information forums.

"The main interest is to drive their readers to our site," Army Reserve Maj. Richard J. McNorton said. McNorton is CENTCOM's chief of Engagement Operations.

Anyone who wants a virtual voice can create a blog and share information with the online world. The ease with which bloggers spread information is what public affairs officials at CENTCOM saw when they created the blog team.

McNorton said the team contacts bloggers to inform the writers about any given topic that may have been posted on their site. This outreach effort enables the team to offer complete information to bloggers by inviting them to visit CENTCOM's Web site for news releases, data or imagery.

The team engages bloggers who are posting inaccurate or untrue information, as well as bloggers who are posting incomplete information. They extend a friendly invitation to all bloggers to visit the command's Web site.

Many bloggers appreciate the team's contact, blog team officials said, and most post CENTCOM's Web site as a link on their blog sites. This, McNorton said, has a "viral effect" that drives Internet news consumers to CENTCOM's Web site.

"Now [online readers] have the opportunity to read positive stories. At least the public can go there and see the whole story. The public wants to hear these good stories," he said, adding that the news stories the military generates are "very factual."

From his desk at CENTCOM headquarters, Army Reserve Spc. Claude Flowers of the 304th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment from Kent, Wash., fights in the Global War on Terrorism daily in his own way. It is an effort, officials said, that is making a big difference in the communications arena in the online world.

The team's motto is "Engage," and Flowers and others work with more than 250 bloggers to try to disseminate news about the good work being done by U.S. forces in the Global War on Terror. The effort, officials here said, has reached more than 17 million online readers.

"We were given the mission to do electronic media engagement," Flowers said. "The idea was put forth that so many people are getting their news from online sources that we would be remiss if we neglected that audience."

Flowers is one of three people who read blogs and try to drive Internet readers to the CENTCOM Web site, where readers can learn more about operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

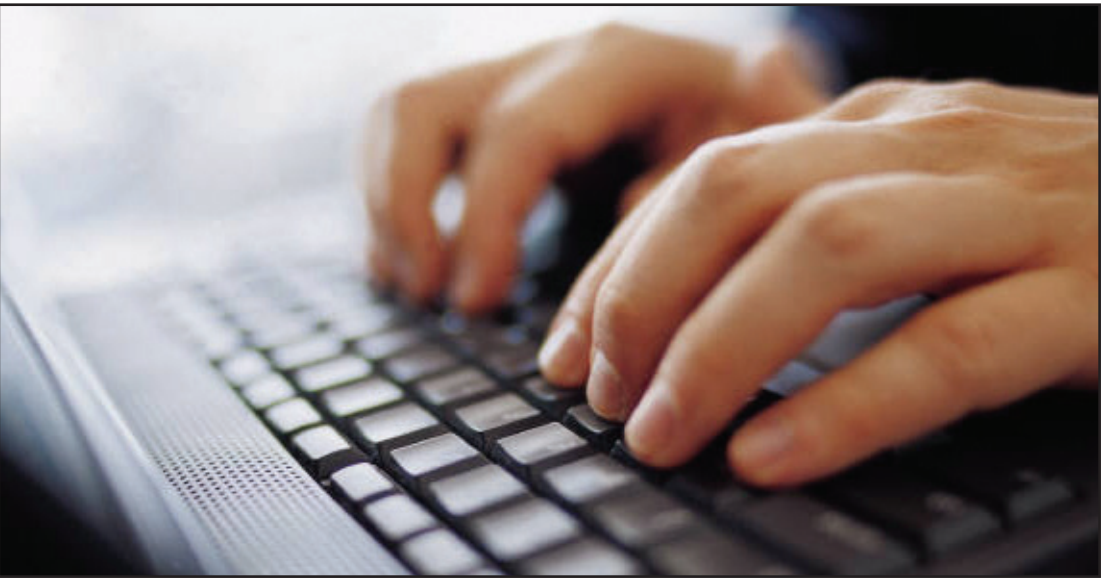
"We needed to do something to make people aware of the fact that we had this clearinghouse of photos and information," Flowers said. "We can get the whole story out there. We let them know we have a Web site."

Flowers said the Web site is filled with informative facts, figures, imagery, data and information that readers can digest before a third party processes and presents the information for them through other media.

"Certainly anyone is welcome to use the material on the Web site," Flowers said. "So far, the reception has been tremendous."

Team members said they have contacted a full spectrum of bloggers. In one instance, a blogger was writing about the opening of a water treatment plant in Iraq. The writer was presenting the information as a positive milestone for the U.S. military in Iraq, but the information was not complete. The team contacted the writer and offered information via the CENTCOM Web site, and more information was added to the blog to make the article more accurate.

In another blog contact, the team wrote a blogger who had written untrue information about U.S. military tactics. The blogger stated that the U.S. military routinely used children in Iraq and Afghanistan as human shields during



their operations by using candy to entice and lure kids near them. The team posted a comment on the writer's blog stating that the U.S. military did not use human shield tactics and explained the full circumstances of the incident where Iraqi children died in 2004 when insurgents attacked U.S. forces in Baghdad.

Most blogs ordinarily have a feature that enables readers to contact the writer or allows readers to post comments. When the team "reaches out" to a blogger, the team members do not conceal their identity. They fully disclose that they are public affairs personnel and identify themselves accordingly. And, McNorton said, they are there to correct information, no more.

"We don't go in there and get into a debate," he said. And officials are quick to point out that they are not policing Web sites. They are simply offering bloggers the opportunity to get raw information directly from the source.

Flowers said that many military personnel have also become bloggers during their deployments as a way to keep friends and family informed on their activities in the war. Here too, the team members don't police content, but if they do discover an operational security violation, they contact the blogger's command to point out the security violation.

"(Operational security) for a Web site is no different than OPSEC for a letter," Flowers

said. "You shouldn't publish anything you don't want everyone to read," he said, adding that the enemy uses open sources of information to wage war on coalition forces.

But, he said, "The power of military blogs is that they're a letter home from service men and women that the entire world can read," Flowers said.

All bloggers have their niche audience, Flowers said. Some are faith-based, others are military community members, and yet others are involved in mustering humanitarian aid for people in Iraq or Afghanistan. But while the reasons for their blogs differ, most bloggers consistently offer the same comment to Flowers and his team.

"Repeatedly we hear from people, 'I never would have heard this story in the mainstream media,'" Flowers said. "People really are interested in what Soldiers are doing. Blogs are individual statements. They're the voice of individuals. They're a way of understanding this war on a very human level."

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: The author wrote a daily blog for hometown online newspaper Orlando Sentinel as part of his official duties during his yearlong deployment to Iraq in 2004. CENTCOM officials said his blog, the first official U.S. military war blog published by a daily newspaper, helped in conceptualizing the blog team.)*

# Army sets new tattoo policy

Story by  
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The Army has revised its policy on tattoos in an effort to bolster recruitment of highly-qualified individuals who might otherwise have been excluded from joining.

Tattoos are now permitted on the hands and back of the neck if they are not "extremist, indecent, sexist or racist." Army Regulation 670-1, which was modified via a message released Jan. 25, also now specifies: "Any tattoo or brand anywhere on the head or face is prohibited except for permanent make-up."

For women, allowable make-up would be permanent eyeliner, eyebrows and makeup applied to fill in lips, officials said. They said permanent make-up should be conservative and complement the uniform and complexion in both style and color and will not be trendy.

The change was made because Army officials realized the number of potential recruits bearing skin art had grown enormously over the years.

About 30 percent of Americans between the ages of 25 and 34 have tattoos, according to a Scripps Howard News Service and Ohio University survey. For those under age 25, the number is about 28 percent. In all, the post-baby-boom generations are more than three times as likely as boomers to have tattoos.

As a result of tattoo attitude changes, Army Regulation 670-1, chapter 1-8E (1) has been modified via an ALARACT message.

Additionally, paragraph 1-8B (1)(A) was revised to state: "Tattoos that are not extremist, indecent, sexist or racist are allowed on the hands and neck. Initial entry determinations will be made according to current guidance."

The Army has never allowed indecent tattoos on any part of the body, G1 officials pointed out.

The new policy allows recruits and all Soldiers to sport tattoos on the back of the neck — which is now defined as the area that starts just under each earlobe and across the back of the head. Throat tattoos on the front portion of the neck (just under the ear lobes and around the front of the head) are prohibited. Tattoos must not violate good taste.

Soldiers are encouraged to check with their chain of command before considering any tattoo on the hand or neck.

"While the Army places trust in the integrity of its Soldiers and leaders, if a Soldier has a questionable case regarding tattoos, he or she should seek the advice of the local commander through the chain of command," said Hank Minitrez, Army G-1 Human Resources Policy spokesman.

Should a Soldier not seek advice and have tattoos applied that aren't in keeping with AR-670, the command will counsel the Soldier on medical options, but may not order the Soldier to have the tattoos removed. However, if a Soldier opts not to take the medical option at Army expense, the Soldier may be discharged from service.

The U.S. Coast Guard has a limitation on the size of a tattoo in percentages of a given area that will not exceed 25 percent of the space between wrist and elbow, knee and ankle, but it does not allow tattoos on the hands or neck.

The Army's new policy, however, does not mean Soldiers should rush out and have the backs of their necks or their hands entirely covered in decorative art, Minitrez said.

"The Army does not have a percentage policy for tattoos," Minitrez said. "As long as tattoos do not distract from good military order and discipline and are not extremist, racist, sexist or indecent they're permitted."

If a Soldier's current command has no issue with his/her tattoos, the Soldier should have personnel files so notated that the Soldier is in line with AR- 670, officials said.

Though not mandatory, having the notation entered serves as backup documentation at a follow-on command that might feel the Soldier's tattoos don't meet Army regulation.

# Combat video now showing on iPod

*American Forces Press Service*

The Pentagon Channel has added video podcasting to its line of products that distribute the channel's military news and information to the nation's men and women in uniform.

"We work hard to communicate with the men and women of the department around the world," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said. "I am pleased that we are using video casting and other increasingly important technologies to reach our global audience with all the news and information available on the Pentagon Channel."

The channel's video podcasting line-up includes:

- "Around the Services in Brief," the daily military news and information show;
- "RECON," an in-depth look at real-world military operations, missions, and events; and
- "Around the Services Reloaded," a weekly round-up of news and information important to service members stationed around the world.

In addition to its new video podcasts, the Pentagon Channel will continue to audio podcast and stream a live Webcast of the channel at pentagonchannel.mil.

"Leveraging technologies like video and audio podcasting allows us to communicate relevant and timely military news and information to our men and women of the U.S. military, anywhere, anytime—it's a great capability," said Brian Natwick, the general manager of the Pentagon Channel.

Video podcasting is a method of publishing video broadcasts via the Internet, allowing users to subscribe

to a feed of new files. There is no cost to subscribe, and broadcasts are delivered straight to the subscriber's computer desktop. Files can be viewed either on a PC or on a mobile video device, such as a video-enabled iPod.

The Pentagon Channel broadcasts military news and information for and about the 2.6 million members of the U.S. armed forces—active duty, National Guard and reserve. Broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Pentagon Channel helps ensure that U.S. forces remain the best informed in the world.

Today, the Pentagon Channel is available on-base to the more than 1 million service members who live and work on the 312 military bases, camps, and installations in the United States that currently receive it. Also, the channel is available to the 700,000 service members and their families serving overseas in 177 countries via the American Forces Radio and Television Service.

The Pentagon Channel also reaches more than 12 million households through commercial distribution on satellite and cable systems nationwide. DISH Network, Verizon FiOS and divisions of Comcast, Time Warner, Cox, Charter, Mediacom, RCN, Armstrong, Midcontinent, Knology, GCI, and a number of smaller cable companies and local access channels in communities around the country carry the Pentagon Channel.

For more information on video podcasting, as well as to view the Pentagon Channel streamed live, visit **www.pentagonchannel.mil**.

# SOLDIER SHOW MAKES FIRST STOP AT APG

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The 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show went on the road after opening at Fort Belvoir, Va., the first weekend in May and its first stop was at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Hundreds turned out for the three performances held in the Post Theater May 13 and 14.

With the theme, “Reveille: Answering the Call,” the show featured 18 talented Soldiers in a series of skits singing and dancing to classic oldies and current Rock, Hip-Hop and Country favorites.

This year’s show included Pfc. Yoon Jong-Baek, the first Republic of Korea Soldier with the 8th Army as part of the Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Program.

Victor Hurtado, artistic director, said that he strives to present something for everyone.

“Not every scene starts with the story of a Soldier,” Hurtado said. “Sections of the show are just about new music or having

a good time or just about fun.”

Hurtado is in his sixth year as artistic director of the show. He was a part of the new resurgence of Soldier shows that began in mid-1980. He was a cast member for four years and after leaving the military he was contacted about coming back to help out.

“It was my call to duty,” he said.

Today Hurtado is the executive producer of the Army’s Military Idol competition and he says he is continually looking for ways to showcase Soldier talent.

“To see the development between the Soldier and the artist and vise versa,” Hurtado said, “I’m now making good on my own [after action reviews].”

Bright colors, high kicking dance numbers and talented voices dominated the show and the audience couldn’t seem to get enough.

Two of the biggest ovations occurred when in an early skit, male cast members in PT uniforms danced and sang to the song, “Just Got Paid, Friday Night,” and when the entire cast brought the audience to its feet with the Gospel favorite,

“Hallelujah for the Rest of Our Days.”

At the show’s conclusion, Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander presented a plaque to the Soldier Show Noncommissioned Officer in Charge Sgt. 1st Class Robert Isom, who presented Wright a plaque in return.

“The APG family is proud to have you with us on this your first road performance of the U.S. Army Soldier Show,” Wright said.

“It was great. We loved it,” said Army spouse Gloria DeBerry after the show.”

“I thought it was absolutely awesome,” added her husband, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Harold DeBerry, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. “It was good to see an ordnance Soldier included,” he said of Spc. Lucky Tagaloa, a cast member from Fort Hood, Texas, who holds the dual Military Occupational Specialties of 63H and 63G.

Civilian Rose Gallegos added that she and her family “liked it a lot.” When asked which part she thought was best, she quickly replied, “All of it.”

## 2007 Soldier Show auditions

All active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers with sufficient time in service remaining are eligible to audition for the U.S. Army Soldier Show as a performer or technician.

Performers must provide a 1/2 inch VHS Videotape/DVD, Records Brief, entertainment resume, DA Photo 3/4 length, current evaluation report and a Letter of Release from their commander.

Technicians must provide a portfolio and/or references, records brief, technical resume, DA photo 3/4 length, current evaluation report and a Letter of Release from their commander.

Qualified applicants are screened by a board of industry professionals, BOSS representatives and military community leaders. Candidates are selected based on their musical talent as well as their ability to represent the Army in appearance, level of physical fitness, and military bearing.

The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31, 2006. For more information, visit [www.armyentertainment.net](http://www.armyentertainment.net).



*1st Lt. Sonya Moore, left, and Spc. Benjamin Piel, Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., perform a country duet.*



*Staff Sgt. Samuel Hesche, Hawaii Army National Guard, opens the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show with a solo performance, later joined by the entire cast.*



*Pfc. Yoon Jong-Baek, the first Republic of Korea Soldier to perform with the Soldier Show, belts out the song “Come to Me” in a duet with 1st Lt. Sonya Moore, California Army National Guard.*



*While strumming a guitar, Spc. Elisabeth Graham, Fort Jackson, S.C., sings Cindy Lauper’s “Time After Time.” Graham also played the violin during the show.*



*The cast of the 2006 U.S. Army Soldier Show wear their duty uniform instead of the usual Class A’s to honor their comrades on point in the War on Terror during the show’s finale.*